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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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HOW TO BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

By DR. JOHN R. RICE

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I am speaking to you on how to be filled with the Holy Spirit. First of all I mentioned God's requirement of prevailing prayer.

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"—Luke 11:13.

When you read the context of this verse of Scripture you will see that it is not talking about the indwelling of the Spirit. Every Christian now has the indwelling of the Spirit. This verse is talking about the fullness of the Spirit for soul-winning power. In the preceding verses Jesus said:

"Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?"

Then comes that wonderful promise:

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your

children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"—Luke 11:13.

God gives the Holy Spirit in soul-winning power to "them that ask him." I do not claim to know much Greek, but if the verb ask had been in the aorist tense, then Jesus would have been saying, "... how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him one time." However, as I remember, it is not in the aorist, but in the simple present; and that translation means, "... how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that keep on asking."

Put this down, then: prevailing prayer is a condition for the fullness of the Spirit.

"I'm afraid that is fanaticism," somebody says. Maybe it is; but if so you cannot have the power of the Spirit without fanaticism. Regardless of what we call it, it takes waiting on God to have revival and soul-winning power.

At Pentecost the Disciples Were Spirit-Filled in Answer to Prayer

"That is what it took before Pentecost. What did the people do before Pentecost? We are told in Acts 1:14:

"These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren."

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GOD'S JUDGMENT, MERCIFULLY WITHHELD

By DR. CHARLES E. FULLER

(Preached on the Old Fashioned Revival Hour and broadcast over a Chicago radio station. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

Each one of us must one day face God. If we face Him now, we may face Him in grace and have forgiveness through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. But if we reject God's offer of Grace in Christ, we must one day face Him in judgment. How gracious of God to receive sinful men, to cleanse them, to wash them from their sins and to make them a new creation, fitted for Heaven! Furthermore, how gracious it is of Him to appoint sinful men, redeemed, as heirs, joint heirs with Jesus Christ! I am thankful today for God's unspeakable Gift, the Lord Jesus Christ!

I want to speak to you today about judgment, about the fact that God has appointed a day in which He will judge all men who have trampled under foot the precious blood of Christ.

Romans 2:1-16 outlines four basic principles upon which the unrepentant, sinful man will be judged. That Scripture says:

"Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. And

thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long suffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, To the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. For

when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel."—Rom. 2:1-16.

I say, this Scripture outlines four basic principles upon which the unrepentant, sinful man will be judged. The first is in verse 2: "But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. The second is in verse 6: "Who will render to every man according to his deeds." The third is in verse 11: "For there is no respect of persons with God." And the fourth is in verse 16: "... in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel."

Judgment for the ungodly is certain, is fixed, is unchangeable; for remember, friend of mine, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," "because he hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof

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FALSE FOUNDATIONS

Are You Trusting Christ Alone for Salvation?

By EVANGELIST ROLFE BARNARD

(Preached at Bethel Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, March 14, 1946. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

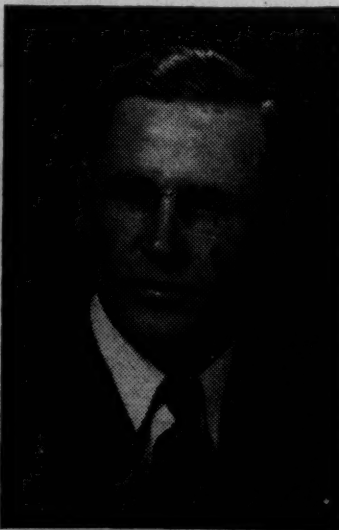
Multitudes of people in this world believe themselves to be saved who are not saved and will one day go to Hell. Clearly that is the teaching of the seventh chapter of Matthew, the chapter I ask you to consider with me tonight.

Before I read the verses pertaining to that part of my message, however, let me read the first two verses of the chapter and give just a moment's attention to them: "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

We are not, under any circumstances, to judge the motives of people. A man may say, "I can tell whether So-and-So is a Christian or not," but he cannot do it. And neither can you. If you were God, you could. But you are not God; and I am not God. No Christian should dare to take the place

of God and pass judgment as to whether another person is saved or not. Any person who does so is putting words into the Bible's mouth, if I might use that expression. Further along in this chapter we find the passage that such a person always refers to but does not quote. At the beginning of verse 15 we are told, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits." You can tell a false teacher by his fruits. You cannot tell whether he is saved or

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Rev. Rolfe Barnard

Come to Sword Conferences on Revival!

The sermon in this issue, "How to Be Filled With the Spirit" was preached by the editor at the Sword of the Lord Conference on Revival and Soul Winning at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, July 3 last year.

This plain Bible teaching, helping Christians to learn to be soul winners, to have their prayers answered, to have the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, is typical of these conferences. The editor will speak once or twice daily in these conferences. Great men of God including Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.; Dr. Lee Roberson, Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga; Dr. John Linton of Wheaton; Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, executive secretary and leader of evangelism of Mississippi Baptists; Evangelist Bill Rice, and others greatly used in revivals, will help to make up the strongest program you have ever heard, with five messages daily. There will be daily prayer meetings, private conferences, rest, conversation and recreation, and wonderful

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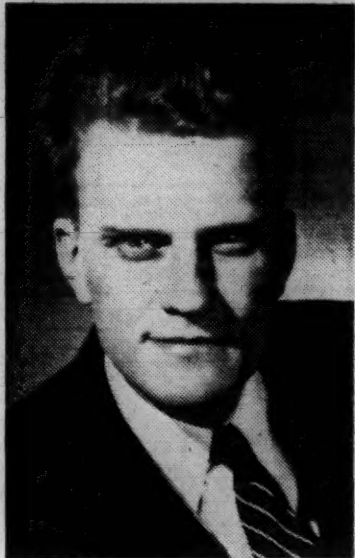
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By the Editor



DR. J. EDWIN HARTILL
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After returning from the Springfield, Missouri, union revival Monday, I flew Tuesday afternoon to Minneapolis to take part in the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Northwestern Schools. I arrived at the Radisson Hotel at ten minutes to six. Already the directors were on their knees in prayer. The board meeting continued, with a short interruption for dinner, until ten minutes until eleven, when my good friend, Dr. Richard Clearwaters, Minneapolis pastor and Dean of the Northwestern Seminary, rushed me to catch a train for Chicago at 11:10 p. m.

It was a fine board meeting. I came away thanking God for the great progress made.

Many old friends were present who are also on the Board of Directors; among them Evangelists Paul Rood and Merv Rosell, and publisher, Bob VanKampen, besides other well-known ministers and business men, chiefly in the Minneapolis area. Of course, it was a joy to see again many of those on faculty and staff of the Northwestern Schools, including Dr. Billy Graham; Dean J. Edwin Hartill; Loren Bridges, Radio Director; Mrs. W. B. Riley; College Dean O. E. Sanden; Bill Bernsten, head of the Music Department; Vice President, Evangelist T. W. Wilson, and Business Manager, George Wilson. I did not get to see my dear friend, Jerry Beavan, Registrar, Managing editor of *The Pilot*, who is carrying a heavy load so nobly.

Remarkable Progress

We rejoiced over the fact that the student body had increased within the last year twenty-six per cent. Income from tuition had jumped from some \$67,000 to more than \$143,000.

The last bills are in on the new

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building which cost nearly one million dollars and is wonderfully planned and equipped for the work of the schools.

The new radio station, KTIS, owned and operated by the Northwestern Schools, is now in full swing. It is a non-commercial Christian station, 900 on the dial, operating with 1,000 watts. It has been heard three hundred miles away but normally fully covers an area within 125 miles of Minneapolis. Through the school year the student body raised an average of \$1,000 a week to build this radio station! And that was besides offerings averaging about \$600 a week for missions. Maintenance of the station must come from gifts since it is a non-commercial station and does not sell time.

By God's mercy we expect this great progress to continue under the strong leadership of Dr. Billy Graham, the president and the workers gathered around him who cooperate so loyally and sacrificially.

The President's Report

The report of the Interim President, Dr. Billy Graham, was the great highlight of the conference. Dr. Graham had worked out a plan whereby he could execute the responsibilities of the office of president and yet carry on his widespread evangelistic work and his connection with Youth for Christ as International Vice-President.

To let you catch a glimpse of the strong leadership of Dr. Graham and the bedrock of good Christian principle on which the school is conducted, I want to quote from the president's report. Here are some of Dr. Graham's statements of principles.

"During this past year we have taken to heart this new motto of ours, 'Knowledge on Fire.' We have been trying to teach our young people that one of the greatest lessons they can ever learn is how to live. We teach science, we teach literature, we teach all the academic subjects, but we also teach students how to live. We do not tolerate slovenly work in the classroom. We do not let young people skim over the job here and get away with it. We want them to study hard and do a good job, not for just what they are going to learn in books, but we believe that in so doing we are building their characters. But with all the knowledge through academic subjects that we are cramming into their heads, and the character that we are putting into their backbones, we are asking God the Holy Spirit to set it on fire. We believe the greatest need in the Christian work of the hour is evangelism. We do not

believe the world will ever be evangelized until the church gets on fire for Christ. Therefore we have this year emphasized a burning passion for the souls of men. We have had one chapel speaker after another to testify that there is nothing like it in America, that there is something electric, something different here on Northwestern's campus. If you could have been here during the Missionary Conference, you would have seen this flame as it seared its way into hundreds of lives and scores made decisions to go to the foreign fields with the glorious gospel of Christ. We believe that our student body is literally on fire.

"And another thing we are trying to teach young people is that they must obey the rules. We are not insisting on obedience to our rules in order to just get them obeyed, but we believe that in doing so we are producing Christian leaders and characters who will be able to stand up under the chaotic conditions and be worthwhile in our modern world. We are not trying to produce great scholars here, though we trust some are scholars, but primarily we are trying to produce great Christian leaders. The world needs Christian leadership. Those training men for leadership in the military world say—and it is right in line with what the Bible teaches—that all leaders have to learn to obey. The fundamental thing, the essential thing in training for leadership is to learn obedience. We believe that if young people can't take it on the chin, if they can't obey the rules here, they will never be a leader. The Devil's philosophy is, 'Do as you please.' God's philosophy is, 'Do what you are told to do.' The Apostle Paul said, 'I put my body under.' We are told in the Scripture, 'To obey is better than sacrifice.' The whole modern world is wrecked because of disobedience. The sinful, hellish philosophy that has destroyed America is built upon the philosophy of disobedience. We are insisting that if young people stay here, they are going to obey the rules. The rules in this school are made to be kept. I have told the Deans to send students home who won't obey. Dr. Riley held to this course, and we are not changing.

"Another thing we have insisted on is loyalty. I believe that one of the greatest lessons that needs to be learned in Christian circles today is loyalty: loyalty to the institution, loyalty to the cause, loyalty to the God-anointed leadership. We have put in some stiff rules on loyalty, and we mean them to be kept. Disloyalty will not be tolerated in this institution on the part of faculty, staff or students. We will not be a divided school. We move here in a mass. That does not mean that we agree about every policy or method or program. It does not mean that we are a bunch of nonentities. But we are all rallying around a truth, a purpose and a program. We will not

tolerate division in our faculty. The faculties of many of the colleges I know in America today are divided. In most universities and colleges the teachers knife one another, they backbite, they criticize one another, they are jealous of one another. Sometimes they despise one another. We will not have it here. We will eliminate any person, no matter if he be a Dean, faculty member, staff member, or student who is disloyal, backbiting and critical. United we stand; divided we fall. That is the reason we have put in our new rules that no destructive criticism is tolerated. Grippers are not welcome here. Any person connected with this school can walk into the President's office, the Deans' office, the Business Manager's office, and say, 'I'd like to ask you about something,' or 'There is something I would like to suggest.' The youngest student in this school will get the same hearing as the President of the student body. The rights and liberties of the humblest student in this school will be protected. But we will not tolerate this destructive criticism that has ruined so much of God's work down through the years!

"Publicly and privately you know the doctrines for which we stand without compromise. We stand exactly where W. B. Riley stood. I shall not go into detail. I could preach a sermon on that alone, but I will not take the time here. Every faculty and staff member must sign each year our statement of faith which includes all the great cardinal doctrines. We will not tolerate liberalism or modernism, and we will not compromise on any issue in which this school stands so firmly entrenched.

"I believe I can say without contradiction that the students, faculty and staff are united as never before. I do not believe there is a happier student-faculty relationship anywhere in the world. It is marvelous in our eyes. We are deeply grateful for all the things that He has done for us during the past year."

We believe that with that kind of a program, parents can trust their children to Northwestern and that Christian stewards can safely devote part of the Lord's money to the work of the Northwestern Schools. Let me say, I thank God for Billy Graham and I believe God has raised him up for this hour. God led the late Dr. W. B. Riley to choose Dr. Graham. It was with great reluctance that Dr. Graham accepted the post, feeling that he must go on with his revival work. Now that plans have been happily arranged so that revival work can continue for much of the time, all of us connected with the Northwestern Schools are glad that Dr. Graham has dropped the term "interim" before his title. He is no longer "interim president," but full president of Northwestern Schools. That is in answer to many prayers and an answer to the counsel of many of us who

were deeply concerned in the matter.

Stronger Organization Perfected

We believe that good advance was made in the administrative organization of Northwestern Schools at this board meeting. On the recommendation of President Graham, with the hearty approval of all the deans and department heads, the office of Executive Vice-President was created, and Dr. J. Edwin Hartill, Dean of men, was elected for that post for the coming year. Thus there will be a strong executive head at the school when Dr. Graham is away, and working fully in accord with Dr. Graham and under his direction.

The finance committee of the Board of Directors was authorized to take whatever steps were necessary to enlarge and perfect and equip the Accounting Department. The committee was also urged to present to the president and the executive committee of the board plans for carrying on the financing of the school.

The financial outlook of the school is good. Dr. Graham himself has a fine, conscientious, businesslike background for leadership in this matter. Some of the best business men of the northwest and over the nation are on the Board of Trustees. I was greatly cheered by the financial report that showed their book store, cafeteria and dormitories were all showing a profit and that a determined effort was being made to eliminate waste and inefficiency. The expanded school is being run on a carefully-prepared financial budget and each department held within careful bounds. The public can thoroughly trust the leadership at Northwestern Schools, and Christians can be sure that money invested there will be well and wisely used to the glory of Christ.

The finest spiritual note was sounded throughout the Board meeting and we were glad to hear that the school has recently felt a deep moving of the Holy Spirit among the students and faculty.

Those who seek a place for Christian education either in Bible institute, college or seminary, may write Northwestern Schools, 50 Willow Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota. And I hope that godly men and women who read *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* and long for some thoroughly reliable place to invest some of the Lord's money for training soul winners will stand by this great school. Money is needed for current operating expenses of the summer school, to pay off the indebtedness on the large new building, etc. Will you put Northwestern Schools on your prayer list?

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cord in prayer and supplication." They prayed, and then kept on praying. When the day of Pentecost was fully come, the mighty power of God came and three thousand souls were saved that day.

Later They Were Filled Anew After Prayer

We are told again in Acts 4:31: "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the Word of God with boldness."

When did that happen? "When they had prayed." The fullness of the Spirit came on people because they prayed.

Samaritan Converts Filled With Spirit in Answer to Prayer of the Apostles

In Acts, chapter 8, we read that Philip went down to Samaria and had a wonderful, wonderful revival. What about these new converts? Remember that Jesus is already glorified. The Holy Spirit, as far as His indwelling was concerned, was already given. But these new converts had not been taught about the fullness of the Spirit. They were saved but they were not winning others. Philip was winning a lot, but what about the new converts? The Scripture says:

"Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)"

Remember this: The Holy Spirit in a Christian is one ministry of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit on a Christian for soul-winning power is another ministry of the Holy Spirit. Every Christian has the Holy Spirit in him. But the pouring out of the Holy Ghost upon a Christian is the anointing of that Christian for service. The Lord said in Joel 2:28, "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh." In Isaiah 44:3 He says, "I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring." The Holy Spirit on a Christian is anointing for service.

"Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost."—Acts 8:14-17.

Notice especially the words: "they . . . prayed for them . . . they received the Holy Ghost."

An interesting thing is that those apostles prayed for them. Somebody says, "Oh, our preacher is not much good." Well, why don't you make him over? How? Have God pour out upon him the Holy Spirit from Heaven. Your praying can do that—not just the preacher's praying.

It is a remarkable fact that at Pentecost the people were all filled with the Holy Ghost. What kind of mathematics is that? Did those apostles just happened to pray exactly enough, just happened to catch up with their praying at exactly the same moment? No, that was not it. Well, how did it even up then? Whatever was lacking in one man's prayers was made up in the other person's prayers. If one man had not prayed enough to be filled with the Spirit, everybody else was praying. They were "all with one accord in one place." And the power of the Holy Ghost came upon them. Get this lesson: we can pray for other people until they are filled with the Holy Spirit, too. Zacharias and Elisabeth prayed for their son, John the Baptist, so much that he was filled with the Holy Ghost from the day he was born.

I say modestly that in many, many cases I have had upon me the breath of God. Many, many times I know the Spirit of God has been upon me in power in revivals. I often prayed about it, then I got to wondering just when

I was first filled with the Holy Ghost. I was not sure. I could not quite place it. I was never quite satisfied about it—I mean the theological problem. About the fact that I was filled with the Spirit I was satisfied, but the problem of how or when it happened puzzled me until this week when the thing dawned on me as I spoke about John the Baptist.

My mother prayed for me before I was born. She begged God to give her a boy so he could be a preacher. When I was born, she was so glad that God had given her a boy. She and my father then gave me to God.

After I was twenty-five years old and a college teacher I read a letter from my mother written to my Aunt Essie. The letter fell out of a book and my aunt said, "Do you know who this is from?"

"No."

"Read it."

I said, "That looks like Mama's handwriting." I remembered her love letters to my dad. (You see, my mother died when I was about five years old.) In that letter to my Aunt Essie she had written about all of her children: "Gertrude is old enough now [about seven] to dry the dishes, and help take care of the babies. She is a lot of help. Little Ruth is the quietest little thing. [She still is.] George is into mischief from morning until night. [And he still is!] He is principal of a high school but he has always been pretty much that way!"] And my little preacher boy is getting along fine; let me tell you what he said the other day . . ."

I said, "Wait a minute. She has already named all the others; I am the only one left. I must be her preacher boy!" Then I said to my Aunt Essie: "Did she call me her preacher boy?"

Aunt Essie said, "Why, she never called you anything else!"

"Well," I said, "I remember now. When I was four years old people would say, 'What is your name?' and I was taught to say, 'I'm John the Baptist preacher!'"

When I went back to Decatur, Texas, I said to my dad, "I read a letter the other day which Mama wrote more than twenty years ago. In it she called me her preacher boy. Tell me about it."

"Yes, Son, your mother was so glad when you, her second child, was a boy so he could be a preacher. We gave you to God and asked Him to make you a preacher. She always called you her preacher boy."

"Well, Dad, why didn't you tell me?"

"We wanted God to tell you," he said. And you can be sure that I heard the voice of the Lord pretty soon after that!

Just when I was first filled with the Holy Spirit, I do not know. I know that when I was four years old my heart burned as I heard the Christmas story—how there was no room in the inn for Jesus. How my heart burned as I thought, "What a wicked, wicked world not to have any room for Jesus!" We had a trundle bed which my little sister, Gertrude, and I slept in. In the daytime it was folded up and rolled under the big bed. Jesus did not have any bed!

When I was five years old we children would gather around and I would cry as people sang the old songs: "Shall We Gather at the River?" and, "Turned Away From the Beautiful Gate," and others. When people asked me why I was crying, I would not know.

But perhaps because of my mother's long praying God back yonder filled me with the Holy Spirit. Do not misunderstand me; I am not intimating that one filling is enough for anybody. I know that I have long been crying, praying, waiting on God. In some sense I have had to seek God with all my heart. What I am saying is that you may pray for others until the Spirit of God comes upon them in power. Or you may help others pray until the Spirit will come upon you.

Peter and John prayed for it. Incidentally, God wants preachers looked up to as leaders. That is why they laid their hands on them.

Dr. Bob Jones Says:

A good Christian friend has promised us the last \$50,000 toward the million-dollar Student Loan Endowment Fund, which we are attempting to raise at this time. We have now \$150,000 in this fund. This is the minimum goal we set to raise during the recent school year which has just closed. You see, our friends, we have got to raise now \$800,000 before we can get the last \$50,000 our friend promised us. Eight hundred thousand dollars sounds like a very large amount of money, and it is. Yet the people who read this statement could without any real sacrifice contribute this \$800,000. Wouldn't it be wonderful if everybody who read this statement would say, "Well, I think my share of that \$800,000 is a certain amount, and I am going to send it immediately," or "I think my share is a certain amount which I will pledge and promise to send later." Please help us some. If you could have been here at our recent Commencement and could have witnessed what we witnessed, I would not have to appeal to you. The friends who came to Commencement re-

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"And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest . . ."

Saul said, "I'm going down to Damascus and kill these Christians." You just think you are, old guy! I know something you do not know! You will land there a different man than you are now, Paul. You yourself are going to be arrested before you get there!

As he went down the road a light from Heaven, brighter than the noonday sun, shined around about him. He was stricken down and said, "Who art thou, Lord?"

"I am Jesus—the One you hate, the One over whom you are killing people. I am Jesus; you are persecuting Me, Paul. It is hard for you to kick against the pricks, isn't it?"

That reminds me of an old kicking horse a friend of mine had. He started breaking him and hitched him to a bundle wagon to go to the threshing. The horse did not want to pull. If you hit him to make him pull a little faster, he would kick and kick. The man said, "I'm sick and tired of this. I am going to break him of this!" So he got a good load of oats on the bundle wagon. Then he got his pitchfork, put the business end of it down near the horse's rump, and said, "Get up there, Pete," and came down with the old blacksnake. The horse kicked, and just where it would do him the most good the pitchfork stuck him. The man hit him again, and then again. A little of that goes a long ways, you know! The horse soon got to where he thought he would rather pull than to kick!

That was the way with Paul. The Lord said, "It is hard for you to kick against the sticking of the oxgoad, isn't it? All right, I'll stick you again. You keep on seeing Stephen's dying face, don't

you?" And He kept on sticking him.

After a while Paul said, "I have enough! Lord, what do You want me to do?" He called Jesus Lord and surrendered his will. He was saved. He was not only saved, but was also called to preach. A little later Paul said that right then God told him, "I'll send thee far hence to the Gentiles. You will stand before kings for my sake."

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Why was he fasting? It seems that he would have been glad when he was saved.

"And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth. . . ."

What did Paul do those three days and nights when he did not eat? He prayed. What about? Salvation? No, no! Nowhere in the Bible are we told that a certain amount of fasting and praying will save a person, and there is not a single case in the Bible where anybody fasted and prayed in order to get saved, except Cornelius. He did not have the Scripture and did not have anybody to tell him how to be saved. And even then the fasting and praying did not save him. The minute Peter told him how to trust the Lord, he did that and got saved. Fasting and prayer is not the plan of salvation. The way to be saved is to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ."

Then what was Paul praying for? Let us read on and see.

" . . . And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath

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he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Heb. 9:27; Acts 17:31). On the certainty and the fact of the bodily resurrection of Christ from among the dead, we say to you with certainty that the judgment day is ahead.

Time will permit today to speak only briefly on the first of these four basic principles of future judgment, the one found in verse 2. Let me read it to you again: "But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things."

The Certainty of Judgment

Verses 3-5 are an explanation, an enlargement, of verse 2. The thought of verse 3 is that there is no escape from judgment: "And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?"

In this world a man has four chances of escaping punishment for sins or crimes against society. He has a chance, first of all, that his offense will not be known—a perfect crime. I am convinced that there are many people outside of prison bars today who in the eyes of the law should be behind prison bars. "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Num. 32:23). If your sins have not found you out yet, they will be uncovered at the judgment of God unless you repent of them and forsake them.

I do not know why this homely illustration comes to me, but it was borne upon me when a youngster that my sins would find me out. I just loved chocolate bars when I was a youngster—and I still do! Mother kept a nice supply in a certain jar in the pantry. (We had pantries in those days; and, boy, were they filled with good things! Now we have coolers and freezers.) Anyway, I ate too many of them, costing Mother too much, I suppose, and she laid down the law. She said, "Now you can have only one bar on Saturday afternoon when you have finished your work."

It was summertime, a hot night. I woke up about twelve o'clock at night and a thought came to me. I said, "Oh, wouldn't it be wonderful to have one of those chocolate bars." (I knew where they were. She thought she had hidden them from me, but I knew where they were!)

I tiptoed down the carpeted stairs, slipped into the pantry and got one of these chocolate bars. Then I went back, laid down on that comfortable bed and said, "Oh, isn't this just wonderful!" I went on nibbling away until I got about half finished with the chocolate bar and then went sound asleep with it in my hand. I didn't wake up again until the next morning when Mother called me for breakfast.

I opened my eyes and, behold, there was chocolate on the covers, on the sheets and pillowcases, on my nightdress, on my face—I couldn't hide it.

Well, to make a long story short, Mother and I had a little conference out in the woodshed. She gave me a very practical lesson on applied psychology at the seat of learning. I have never forgotten, "Be sure your sin will find you out."

And it will! Just as sure as God's Word stands true your sin will find you out. If it does not find you out here upon earth then it will at the judgment of God.

Again, one here on earth may escape beyond the bounds of the jurisdiction of the law. One may flee to another state or to another country to escape punishment for his offense against society. But let me tell you this: when it comes to the judgment of God, there will be no escape! All men who persist in neglecting God's forgiveness of sin through Jesus Christ—high or low, prosperous or poverty-stricken, educated or unlearned—will appear before God for judgment. "How

shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Heb. 2:3). There is no escape unless you escape through Christ who is "the way, the truth and the life."

So I ask you to come now and kneel at the feet of the Lord and let Him wash you from your sin so that you may escape the certain judgment of God against sin.

Man may escape punishment for offense against society here by some failure in legal procedures or technicality. But let me say to you today that God's laws are fixed, that they are unchangeable. His eyes as flaming fire, searching, penetrating, revealing, will uncover all sin; and He will judge in truth. In that day there will be no alibis, no excuses, no hedgings, no passing of responsibility. There will be no escape! God will judge in truth and every mouth will be stopped.

Again, here upon earth, a man may escape from prison and hide himself from the officers of the law. But you will never be able to hide yourself from God. Even now the Holy Spirit is searching you out, for in Psalms 139:7-12 I read this: "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee." You cannot get away from God!

The Long-Suffering of God Holds Back Judgment

Notice the fourth verse. I cannot read this verse without having tears come to my eyes. More than thirty-eight ago I came very near to drowning in a river in northern California. I promised God when I was going down in the depths of that water that if He would save me I would serve Him the rest of my days. I did not keep my word until seven years later. It is a wonder that God did not let me drown. If he had, I would have gone out into eternity without Christ. Notice the fourth verse:

"Despise thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long-suffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?"

Some of you have walked this earth for a good many years. God has blessed your efforts. He has given you land. He has given you cattle. He has in some cases given you oil. He has given you a good family. He has given you a good name. You have a good bank account. Your bills are paid. Yet you do not know Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. How long "despise thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long suffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" How long are you going to continue rejecting this offer of grace in Christ Jesus?

Every day that God holds back judgment is one more day of His long-suffering and His goodness and the riches of His grace. There are thousands of unseen dangers around about us in this mechanical age that could snap us into eternity without warning. You may have everything else prepared for in this life, but you are not prepared for eternity.

Mercy Despised Means Quicker Judgment

How long? I do not know! God is holding back the day of wrath and judgment, waiting. The Bible says: "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil" (Eccles. 8:11). Do you think that just because God has not put His hand upon

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done to thy saints at Jerusalem: And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. And Ananias went his way and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul . . ."

In Dallas, Texas, when I had a debate with a Church of Christ preacher, he did not want to call me brother. I told him that Ananias called Paul his brother. He said, "Well, they were brother Jews."

"All right, you and I are brother Gentiles," I said!

Paul is a Christian brother, isn't he? He has surrendered to Jesus. He called Him Lord and said he would do whatever He wanted him to do. He is already called to preach.

"And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST."—Acts 9:9-17.

Now, what was Paul praying for during those three days and nights? I think I can almost give his words: "O God, how can I ever undo what I have done? Oh, the light in Stephen's face! And I helped to kill him! O God, how will I undo it? God, give me that power. Fill me as he was filled. Give me what he had! I've got to have it! How am I going to make up for these Christians I have been killing? Fill me with the Spirit, Lord, and let me go and tell it!"

I do not know the exact words he was saying, but I do know the sense of it. Let me illustrate.

In Dallas, Texas, I sat in my study on the second floor of the Galilean Baptist Church. Across the street a house was being painted. There were hackberry trees along the sidewalk. I could not see all of the house because of those hackberry trees, but I could see under them, six or eight feet high—maybe ten feet. I saw one of the painters come from around the house to the side of the front porch, look up, lift up his hands and say something. Since my window was shut, I did not hear what he said, but I know he was praying. I even know what he was praying for. I did not then, but I did a little later. Suddenly a ladder came down from Heaven. That is, it appeared to be from Heaven—it might have been from the top of the porch! The painter took the ladder, put it across his shoulder and went back around the house.

I did not hear what he said, but what was he asking for? He was asking for the ladder, of course. A man on top of the front porch had been painting that side of the two-story house. The man on the ground needed the ladder. He

you to pay you your just dues, that you can go on sinning? Wait! The Scripture says, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Pet. 3:9). In the same chapter the Scripture speaks about the longsuffering of God. In the days of Noah. Read there about the longsuffering of God. God is patient, loving, long suffering, forbearing. Yet you despise the riches of His grace.

I wish you would read in the seventy-eighth Psalm about with what longsuffering God dealt with Israel. They tried His patience year after year, generation after generation. Finally He said, "All right!" And out of the land they went. And for nearly two thousand years that chosen nation has been wanderers among the nations (Continued on Page 8)

asked for it and the man on top of the porch handed it down to him. You see, I know what he prayed for because I know what he got.

Paul fasted and prayed three days and nights, and he got his prayer answered. What was he praying for? To get his eyesight back and to be filled with the Holy Spirit. We know because that is what he got.

Do you want to be filled with the Holy Spirit? Are you so much better than the saints of old that you can get the power of God easily when they did not get it easily? You want to win souls. For Jesus it meant thirty homesick years away from Heaven, thirty years of humiliation in the form of a servant. It meant spit in His face. It meant railings and accusations and scorn. It meant betrayal by one of His friends. It meant to be forsaken by the whole crowd. It meant gall and vinegar in His mouth. It meant to have His beard plucked out. It meant the Roman cat-o-nine-tails on His back. It meant spikes through His hands and feet. It meant being hung up to die and having God turn His face away from Him!

You want to get in with Him, to do the same business He came for, yet you do not want it to cost you anything. Shame on you! You do not mean business. Take down your sign! You are not fit to do anything Jesus has for you to do. You want it easy! The apostles waited on God and waited on God. They cried and prayed for ten days. They were willing to give up home and everything else they had. They were willing to die for Jesus, if need be; and nearly all of them died martyrs; tradition says that every one of them did except John, who was killed for Jesus' sake.

Paul waited on God, cried and prayed, fasted three days and

nights. He was filled with the Spirit. It meant scourgings, being cast to the wild beasts at Ephesus, being shipwrecked at sea, being hated by the Jews, being imprisoned, being stoned and left for dead. You want the same power Paul had but you want it to be easy. You want it without any sweat and tears and crying. You want power from God without any waiting. You want power from God without any heart searching. You want power from God without any contrition and repenting.

Oh, I have done a thousand times as much repenting since I have been saved as I did before. I did not weep over my sins before I was saved. I honestly and sincerely turned from them in my heart; but, oh, the tears I have shed over my sins since I have been a Christian! Listen to me! If you do not expect it to cost you anything, you are not going to be filled with the Spirit!

Think of Paul—without chick or child; Paul without a wife or other loved ones; Paul the outcast; Paul who had everything but counted it but dung, refuse, to win souls! You want to be a soul winner, you want to have the mighty power of God, yet do not want it to cost you anything! You want it without any tears, without any nights of prayer, without any humiliation, without anybody's thinking you are a nut and a fool, without anybody's thinking you have gone crazy about religion! You will not have it!

How did Paul get filled with the Spirit? He had a broken heart. He would not eat or drink, but kept on begging God. God said, "All right, if you mean business you can have it."

Do you want to be filled with the Holy Spirit? Well, do you mean business about it? If you do, you can have it, too.

Obedience to God's Soul-Winning Command Required

Now, the second thing I will have time only to mention. In Acts 5:32 Peter says: "And we are his witnesses of these things: and so is also the Holy Ghost . . ." (Continued on Page 6)

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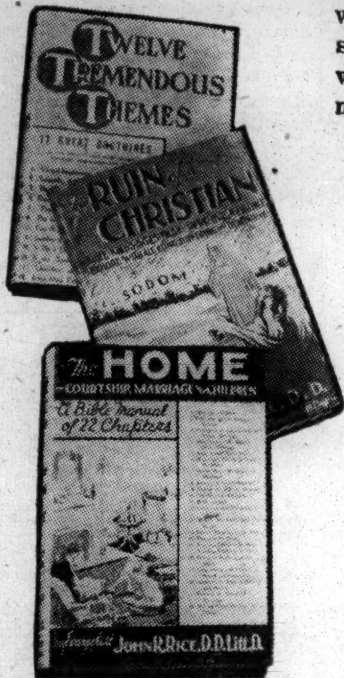
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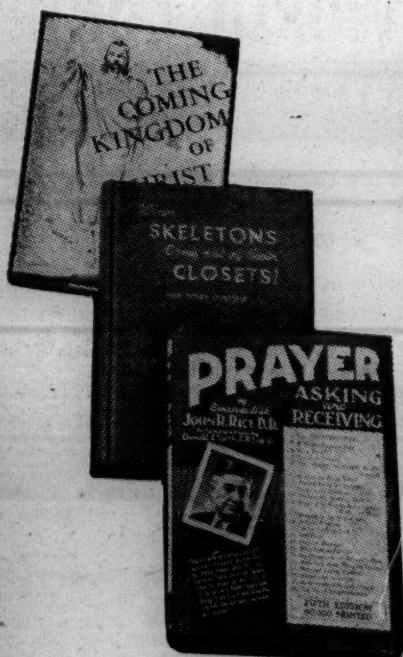
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not, but you can tell whether he is teaching the truth. Do you see the distinction? Quit going around setting yourself up in judgment on somebody else as to whether or not he is a Christian.

I trust everybody here tonight is saved, but I do not know your heart. You say, "Well, I believe I am a Christian." I hope you are, but many people believe themselves to be saved who are not saved at all. That is the plain teaching of the Word of God. They are sincere and earnest about it, but they have been thoroughly deceived. One day they will say, "Look here, You are making a mistake, Lord! We prophesied in Thy name; You are not going to send us to Hell! We cast out demons; You are not going to send us to Hell! We did many wonderful works — we are all right. You are not going to send us to Hell, are You?" You are not to judge—you cannot judge whether or not a man is saved.

Now, in support of my statement that many who believe themselves to be saved will go to Hell, I call your attention to verses 13 and 14:

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction; and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

I have heard all over this land that there are two roads: one which leads to Hell (the road on which the vast majority of people are travelling) and another one which leads to Heaven. But there are two roads that lead to Hell. One is the road being travelled by the whoremongers, the adulterers, the vice gang, the drunkards, the flippant society queens, the drug-store cowboys, and the chippy girls who do not have any regard for time or eternity, for God or the Devil, for decency or anything else. The other road is this broad road that is filled with people who have some sort of hope of salvation. God faithfully warns that this road leads to destruction.

He does not need to warn the people on that first road that they are going to Hell. They already know it. But He warns those travelling the second road, the religious road—that road travelled by many Baptists, Methodists, Catholics, Presbyterians; preachers, deacons, deaconesses, stewards, Sunday School teachers and miracle workers, people who honestly think they are travelling the road that leads to Glory. He says that road is broad and leads to destruction. Then He adds those awful, awful words: "Many [and that word in the Greek means 'vast majority'] will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

If language means anything, the vast majority of people who think they are saved are not saved at all and will have to hear the Saviour say yonder at the judgment, "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Then Jesus closes that great chapter by reminding people of the terrible, terrible danger of building a house on the wrong foundation. He tells about a man who built a house on a rock. He says that the rains descended, the floods came, the winds blew and beat upon the house but it fell not because it was founded upon a rock. Then he tells about another man who built a house on the sand and says that the rain descended, the floods came, the winds blew and beat upon that house and it fell. I remind you that the teaching of the Scripture is that "other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11). A man who builds on that, a man who has faith in Christ, is like a man who builds a house on a rock. The house will stand. But a man who builds on anything

else; in other words, the man who depends on anything else for salvation, is like a man who hears the saying of Christ and does not pay any attention to them. Let me read you those verses:

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."—Matt. 7:24-27.

My beloved friends, if Jesus teaches anything in this chapter, He teaches that multitudes of earnest, honest people are going to be surprised to find themselves the unwilling dupes as they come to the judgment bar of God and hear the lovely Saviour, now the Judge, say, "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Briefly, I call to your attention tonight five foundations of sand that people who actually think they are saved sometimes depend on for salvation. I warn you to hear me and carefully search your heart to find exactly what you are depending on for salvation, what you are depending on to keep you out of Hell. This whole chapter lays line upon line in supporting the awful truth that the vast majority of people who think they are on the right road, the road to Heaven, are not on a road to Heaven at all. The road they are on is a broad road that leads to destruction.

Answered Prayer Does Not Prove Salvation

The first of these five foundations that multitudes of people trust in is answered prayer. You would be surprised to know how many people believe they are Christians because at some time or another God answered their prayer. I wonder if that is the thing you are depending on to keep you out of Hell, the thing that makes you believe you are a Christian? If so, I am sorry for you, my friend; for that does not mean that you are a Christian. You must have more evidence than that; you must have a better foundation than that to keep you out of Hell.

In that connection, I remind you of two or three Scriptures. I will not now take the time to read the passages, but if you will study I Kings 21:27-29 you will find that for the purpose of bringing a wicked man to repentance God heard the prayer of Ahab. He did not save him. Ahab died and went to Hell under the judgment of God, but God answered his prayer.

In Exodus 9:27, 28 you will find the record of how God answered the prayer of Pharaoh and kept him alive. Pharaoh begged God not to kill him but to let him live another day. God answered his prayer, but he did not save him. Finally he was swallowed up in the waters of the Red Sea. He went to Hell and is there now. He did not pray for salvation. He prayed for mercy. He prayed to be allowed to live another day. He was not a Christian when he prayed. He was not a Christian when God heard him pray. He was not a Christian when God answered his prayer. He never was a Christian. He is now in Hell, though God answered his prayer.

Probably the most typical Scripture in this connection is the tenth chapter of Acts which tells about Cornelius. If you will read carefully that passage you will find that Cornelius was a devout man, a good man, a religious man. He gave a lot of money. He feared God. He prayed and God answered his prayer. God sent a man over there to tell him how he could get in touch with Peter; and the man said, "Thy prayers and thine

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That is the trouble: we are witnesses and the Holy Ghost is not. That is the reason you do not have anything happen.

Peter said, "We are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost." Well, Peter how did you get His power? Peter says: "...whom God hath given to them that obey him." Obey him in what? Obey Him in this main business, this soul-winning business.

Would you like to know God? If you will listen to me one minute I will tell you the main things I want you to know about Him, the biggest thing God wants you to know about Himself. You have not taken it as seriously as you ought to, but I am serious. I

alms are come up for a memorial before God" (Acts 10:4). But that prayer did not get him saved. He was unsaved when he prayed. He was unsaved when God heard him pray. He was unsaved when God answered his prayer. He got saved later when Peter preached the gospel of the death of Jesus Christ and told him to believe (Acts 10:43, ff.). He did believe and get saved, but he did not get saved because he prayed. He was not a Christian because God answered his prayer, for God answered his prayer before he was saved. My dear friend, I hope God has answered many of your prayers, but do not depend on that for salvation! That is not any evidence of salvation! That is not the way people are saved. That does not prove you are a Christian; it just proves that God is good and merciful.

Having Made Profession and Doing Church Work Do Not Prove Salvation

I pass to another foundation of sand which you cannot afford to depend on — yet a foundation which people all over this land are depending on. It is the foundation of professed faith and good works. The crowd who are depending on that foundation are the people Jesus is talking about in verse 21 of this seventh chapter of Matthew. He says, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." You can call Him Lord without knowing Him as Lord. You can say you are saved without being saved. You can make a profession of faith without having faith. You can claim salvation without having it. You can do good works — good works as far as I can tell; not as far as God can tell — without being saved. But, oh, if you are depending on that and that alone, you will be in the crowd to whom Jesus will have to say, "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Down in my country people join the church mightily flippantly. They walk down the aisle, they make a profession. Sometimes the preacher has to make it for them — they are not clear enough on the matter to make it themselves. The preacher gets them in the church and baptizes them quickly so he will not lose them. Then they die, many of them, and go to Hell; for all on earth that happened to them was that with their mouth they made an empty profes-

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can lay bare the heart of God to you in one or two sentences and you can know the closest thing to God's heart, you can know the way you can please God best. Listen to me! The one main thing on the heart of God is to keep sinners out of Hell.

Somebody says, "Oh, I want to please God; I am going to quit the movies!" I hope you do! I think they are dirty and that a Christian ought not to go to them. But that is only the snap of a finger; that is just a straw in the wind; that is only a drop in the bucket, only an incident. A lot of people have given up going to the picture shows but have never won a soul. Do you want to please God? Then get a passion that will make you say, "Lord Jesus, here I am. I lay self on the altar to live or die. Here I am, Lord; You can have me, lock, stock and barrel, to help keep people out of Hell." If you will make up your mind, if you really mean in your heart, "I'll do it, live or die—I'll win souls whether I ever have any money or not, whether I ever prosper in other ways or not; oh, help me to win souls," you will then be in good shape to get that power.

Prevailing prayer and obedience to the soul-winning command are the ways to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

God Pours the Holy Spirit on Those Who Are Thirsty

There is another text that I want to give you quickly. It is found in Isaiah 44:3:

"I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring."

The water mentioned here is the Holy Spirit. The water which poured out of the wounded side of Jesus represented the fullness of the Holy Spirit. John 7:38 says, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." Are you thirsty?

The best thing that can happen in this conference is for you to get thirsty. I do not expect everything to be settled here today. That would be too quick. But if the Holy Ghost becomes so overmastering in your life that you will have to say, "O God, I can't live without this power. I will not go without it! I'll die if I do not have it," you will get it.

"I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring." O God, for the rain from Heaven!

Oh, for the breath of God, the power of the Spirit, the pouring out of the Holy Ghost!

Are you thirsty? How many of you have been having a spiritual drought. Would you like the rain from Heaven?

When it used to begin to rain in West Texas my dad would sometimes say, "Boy, I hope this is a gully-washer!" Wouldn't you like to have a gully-washer? That is what the Lord means. Do you want that? Well, let's bow our heads and ask God to give it to us.

PRAYER: O God, teach us to hunger and thirst, teach us to have a holy thirst for Thy power. David said, "As the heart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God" (Psa. 42:1). Oh, make us thirsty so that we can, with prevailing prayer and a whole-hearted surrender to the soul-winning command, have Thy fullness upon us! We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

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sion of something that had not taken place in their hearts.

The fact that you have made a profession of faith is not any evidence that you are a Christian. The fact that you do some good deeds is not any evidence that you are a Christian. Thank God if you do good deeds—it will pay you in Hell to live a decent life. But it will not keep you out of Hell; you must have something more than that!

Having Experienced a Good Feeling Does Not Prove You Are Saved

The third foundation of sand is the foundation of experience. I am going to get in a little deep water now; some of you are not going to come up if you do not watch. A lot of people depend on an experience, but it is a foundation of sand. Oh, how the Devil deceives! Ask church members if they are Christians and not one out of one hundred will give you a Scriptural answer. Ask a person why he believes he is saved and in most cases he will tell you everything except the right thing. We trust people are better fixed up in their hearts than they are in their heads. The only thing on earth that you can safely base your hope of Heaven on is the shed blood of Christ; simply that, nothing more, nothing less. Yet if I caught you unawares and asked you about your salvation, likely you would not point to Jesus on the cross, likely you would not tell me about the shed blood of Christ. You would tell me about an experience.

Down South we have what we call "experience meetings." People stand up and tell how happy they felt when they got saved. That is good, but hear me now! Don't you trust in an experience for salvation! Don't you depend on any experience you ever had or ever expect to have to keep you out of Hell! The Scripture does not tell us that without an experience there is no remission of sin. It tells us that "without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22).

Now follow me carefully: salvation is an experience, a conscious experience. Nobody has it unconsciously. Somebody says, "People may unconsciously trust Christ." Not on your bottom dollar! There is no such thing as unconscious faith. But now wait a minute: while salvation is an experience, experience is not necessarily salvation. You cannot have salvation without having an experience, but you can have an experience without having salvation.

I am not going to trust some way I felt one time. I can tell you about my experience, but I am not going to do it because you might be trying to have an experience and go on to Hell. I want you to trust Christ. God may not give you an experience like mine, but He will save you with the same everlasting salvation if you will do what He says: put your faith in Christ's dying for your sins.

I remind you that the Devil is a deceiver. He is awfully good about giving people experiences. You get an old sinner who is waiting to be saved down at the altar, and you may be sure that somebody else is there, too. The Devil is there. And if he can, he will sidetrack that sinner and get him to do anything but put his faith entirely in Christ. The Devil can give experiences. You had better not depend on an experience!

Salvation produces feeling, but feeling is not salvation. Brother, if you really believed you needed a Saviour and then really trusted Him, you would feel mighty good. Last Friday night a little boy went away from the service here and said, "I sure am glad I'm saved!" I am, too; I'm glad I'm saved! Of course, if there is nothing to sin, if there is not any Hell, if there is not any judgment, if God is a sissy and is not going to punish sin, we do not need salvation. But if He is going to punish sin; if Jesus' blood is my only hope of rescue, my only remedy and substitute for sin, and I come and put my trust in

Him, there will be feeling when I realize fully I am saved. But you can have feeling without being saved. You must not trust in an experience!

Listen to me now! Multitudes who believe they are saved are not saved at all. Jesus said so. I mentioned first the fact that people depend on answered prayer as proof that they are saved. That is not enough! Multitudes depend on the fact that they have made a public profession of faith and have done some good deeds. That is not enough! Multitudes depend on an experience they have had. Many of them feel awfully good; some of them shout, maybe. Some of them cry—and I like to see it. But some of them feel bad the next day and think they are lost. And they are, if all they had was their feelings. Oh, I would much rather have salvation than a feeling! Christ will never leave me, but my feelings will vary.

Serving God From Fear Does Not Prove Salvation

Now I come to the fourth foundation of sand, the foundation of fear. If you are serving God only because you are afraid of Him, you are not saved, you have a foundation of sand. Before you were saved you were driven by fear. You came to a hiding place, a refuge—Christ Himself—and got under the blood where there was protection. When that happened and God saved you, changed you, one of the things He did for you was to make you love Jesus.

I preach to people who would go to picture shows if they were not afraid that if they did God would send them to Hell. Multitudes of people to whom I preach go to church—not because they want to, not because they love to, not because they love the Lord Jesus Christ, but because they are afraid that if they do not they will go to Hell.

Fear about salvation should not be a part of the make-up of the child of God. Listen to me, if you are saved, you are not under the law. Therefore, you need not fear the law. You love Him who redeemed you, brought you back from the curse of the law. If you are saved you have been made a son of God, and this new relation gives you a new motive. Under the law you were a guilty sinner. You were condemned by the law. Your motive in coming to Christ was the motive of fear. You did not want to go to Hell, and the preacher told you that the only way to escape Hell was by trusting Christ. That was right. Out of fear, feeling the weight and guilt and condemnation of the holy law of God, you came and trusted Christ. But now you are saved and Romans 8:15 says of you, "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." The motive of love is produced in the heart of the believing sinner.

Second Corinthians 5:14 says, "The love of Christ constraineth us." It does not say that it ought to constrain us. It says that it does constrain us. Listen, the Saviour said in John 14:15, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." The Saviour does not say, "If you do not love me, I will send you to Hell." The Saviour does not say, "If you are afraid I will send you to Hell, keep my commandments." The Saviour does not say, "If you think it will help you to get to Heaven, keep my commandments." The Saviour says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Listen to me, the Christian loves Jesus because Jesus shed his blood to pay for his sins. If the Lord has forgiven you of your sins, you will love Him. If you do not love Him, He has not forgiven you of your sins.

If there is a child of the church listening to my voice tonight and you think you are saved, listen to Brother Barnard: the one characteristic of the new birth, the characteristic that nobody on top-side of God's earth has except a Christian, is that characteristic of honestly loving the Lord Jesus. People in heathen lands come and pray—not to their good gods but to their mean gods. Roman

Catholicism is a religion of fear. Many people go to mass—why? Often because they believe that if they do not they will go to Hell. Some people obey the church—why? Often because they believe that if they do not, they will go to Hell. Oh, listen to me: a false foundation, a foundation of sand, a foundation that you had better not depend on, is the foundation of fear!

Somebody says, "If I believed that I would live like the Devil." Oh, no! Jesus says, "If a man love me, he will keep my words" (John 14:23). First John 3:1-3 tells us: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doeth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."

I believe that I could so sin against my heavenly Father tomorrow as to be put out of the ministry, be put on the shelf. I am afraid of that. But I am not afraid that my God will send me to Hell. I am not going to Hell. I am afraid of what sin can do. I am meaner than you folks, but before you criticize me too much you ought to come and look inside my heart and know the hours of misery and sorrow and anguish I have when sin enters in and the heavens are cold and God will not have anything to do with me. I tell you sin will rob you of your fellowship with God, and I am afraid of that. But I am not afraid God is going to send me to Hell, and I am not preaching because I am trying to get to Heaven. I do not give a little money now and then in order to get to Heaven. I will do what little I can, but God thirteen years ago saved me and put His love in my heart. I love Him a little bit; I wish I loved Him more.

Do Not Trust Anything for Salvation That Leaves You Without a Heart That Longs to Please God

Last, a foundation of sand that you cannot afford to trust and that will not stand is any foundation that does not provide this new heart and this motive I am talking about. Please do not tell me when you had an experience. Please do not tell me about something that happened twenty years ago. Tell me: do you have a nature that makes you miserable when you are wrong with God and makes your life a little heaven on earth when you are conscious that His smile is on you? That is Christianity, and any foundation that you have had that did not result in that new nature is a false foundation, and you will land in Hell if you depend on it.

My message is nearly done. It remains to ask and answer simply this question: What, then, is the way of escape? I have said that church members ought to listen to this message, and I repeat it. I have reminded you that Jesus said the vast majority of people who believe they are saved are honest but deceived and that one day when they face Him they will find it out. Won't that be a terrible time to find it out? Hadn't you better find it out now while there is a chance of escape? Wouldn't the wise man rather find out his condition before it is too late?

But One Who Honestly Trusts Christ for Salvation Has It

What else must I say, then? I must tell you the only thing you can depend on. I have told you five things you cannot depend on. People do, but to their own damnation. You cannot depend on answered prayer. You cannot depend on a profession and good works. You cannot depend on an experience. You cannot depend on trying to follow God. You cannot depend on a profession that does not result in a new birth. But you can depend on Jesus Christ's dying for your sins. God help me if I ever preach a sermon to lost people without coming back again and again to the fact that the only thing on earth God could do to keep them out of Hell was to give His Son to die on

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"Oh, dear Brother Rice, how we'd love to meet you face to face! If not here, I trust when we get to Heaven and after you have had time to talk to Jesus, Peter, Paul and all those dear old saints, that you will have time to shake hands with my husband, myself and my parents, to whom you have been such a blessing. I must also tell you it is all because of your faithfulness to give us the Word of God and not your own ideas or feelings about the matter. I imagine if you had gone by your own feelings, a lot of Scripture you would have hesitated to give out in its pureness. We also appreciate especially Bro. Bob Jones, Sr., and would like to hear more from Bob Jones, Jr. Truly we do appreciate your SWORD OF THE LORD paper because it gives us the Word of God. It is especially dear to my husband who was saved here at home last June 19th and your paper and his every day Bible reading are truly helping him grow in grace, and myself, too. My Bill was in a mine explosion August 13, 1947, and still has one leg in a cast. He is home but has had two long hospital trips. We have four little children, the oldest one nearly five and with these times, I suppose, most people would tell you we have had a hard time, but not me! It is worth all this to know my Jesus and His Word. He truly supplies every need, takes us through every valley, and gives us sweet peace in the heart. How can I help but love Him?

"Now, I really hope you don't print my letter, for this is just for you. You see, I can't write very good, or express myself, and with these four little kiddies playing around me I can't do my best but I want you to know that all your labor is needed, and greatly appreciated. 'These things I have written unto you . . . that ye may know.' We just appre-

the cross to pay for their sins.

Let's close this message with John 5:24: "Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

You are to believe in the integrity of God. You are to believe that He sent His Son—not to help save, but to save that which was lost. And having that faith in the integrity of the Father and the Son, you are to throw your soul's destiny on that promise. That is the way to be saved.

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ciate your books and paper so much. I heard Bill say yesterday your last sermon, 'Assurance of Salvation By the Word of God,' helped him so much and made his own salvation so real to him.

"Now pray God will lead us in the paths we should go, and I'm sure He will take care of all the rest; our needs, health, etc. He knows best about them, anyway. Your sermons seem like 'fatherly' talks to us. We are 24 and 25 years. So you see we are yet young and need much of your fatherly advice. I trust my letter will encourage you, even though I rather hesitate to end it.

"We have already learned that Bible reading is most important.

"Do come to see us if you ever come this way. We get such a kick out of opening up the SWORD paper and seeing the smiling faces of you, Bob Jones and many others. We just feel like you are old friends of ours."

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God's Judgment, Mercifully Withheld

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of the earth, with no rest for the soles of their feet.

Perhaps you have a godly mother. One thing that touches my heart here at Long Beach is the fact that hardly a Sunday goes by that some serviceman, navy or army man is not saved. I say to them at the close of the service, "Write Mother today, won't you?" Some of them tell me they are going right out and telephone their mother. Some of you have a godly mother who has been praying for you for years.

A scene I shall never forget comes to my mind just now.

In one of the western states a few years ago I was traveling in some one-night stands, from the northern part of the state to the south. At the close of the Friday night meeting I would catch a

plane and get back to Los Angeles on Saturday for the broadcast on Sunday.

On a Tuesday night I received a special delivery letter urging me to stop on the way to the next city where I was to hold a meeting and have a meeting with a little group out in a farming community the next afternoon at 2:30. It was such an urgent letter that at the close of the service I got on the telephone, called down there and said, "I'll be there."

The next day, going by car, I arrived in that little farming community about 2:00 o'clock. They had decided not to hold the meeting in the little church building because it would hold only about fifty or sixty people. They cleaned out the lower floor of an old barn and brought in benches, brought in chairs, brought in planks. They brought the pulpit from the church

for me and brought in a little organ. People came from their farms in their working clothes. We had a wonderful time. The people were so friendly and sociable.

At the close of the service, at the first invitation, a young man in his working clothes, his cap in hand—a stalwart young man—came forward and knelt at an improvised altar. He could not keep back the tears. I was touched just by his coming.

About a minute later a little elderly lady, not over a hundred pounds in weight, came and knelt by the side of her son. She was poorly dressed. Her hands were gnarled. She was rather hump-backed. She had worked hard, but her face reflected the very presence of God. As she knelt by her son she put her arm around him. I went down to where they were. She did not know I was near until she had finished her prayer. Oh, how she prayed! She said, "Heavenly Father, I thank You for answering my prayers. My only child, my only son, is saved. You know how Dad went

home when our child was just a babe. I have prayed for twenty-four years!"

I'll tell you, there was joy in Heaven that day! I'll never forget it as long as I live.

Answer your mother's prayers today, won't you?

I am going to finish with verse 5 of this second chapter of Romans:

"But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God."

Every day that you go on rejecting the gospel, rejecting God's goodness in Christ Jesus, you are treasuring up, piling up God's wrath against you. And you will not be able to stand in that day

unless you are clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness.

Judgment is coming! Are you ready?

Unsaved friend, I have brought you right up to the point of decision. Will you continue to reject God's grace in Christ and continue to pile up wrath against the day of wrath? Or will you kneel in His presence and say, "God, be merciful to me a sinner and save me for Christ's sake?"

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